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GENERAL CONSTRUCTION STORM WATER PERMIT, RAINY SEASON PREPARATION REMINDER

Dear Project Owner/Developer:

As a current permittee under the statewide General Construction Storm Water Permit you are responsible throughout the year for preventing pollutants from leaving your construction site. This becomes particularly important as we approach the “wet weather” season in the Central Valley. All construction sites must have adequate control measures in place to prevent the discharge of sediment and other pollutants to our streams and rivers.

It is your responsibility, as the owner and/or developer, to comply with all of the requirements of the General Construction Storm Water Permit. You and your contractors should review your Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) to determine how you will implement effective best management practices for the fast approaching wet weather season. The SWPPP and SWPPP map should be up-to-date and remain on-site at all times during the construction project. It is important that erosion and sediment controls are in place prior to any storm event and that adequate controls are maintained throughout the rainy season. At a minimum, you should accomplish the following:

- Implement effective best management practices for all pollutants at your site, including those other than sediment. For example, implement appropriate best management practices for control of concrete and stucco waste, paint, fertilizers, soil amendments and other construction related pollutants.
- Implement an effective combination of erosion and sediment controls. Prevent erosion by stabilizing all disturbed soil, paying particular attention to exposed slopes. Back up erosion prevention measures with sediment control measures. Ensure all control measures are adequate, in place, and in operable condition.
- Conduct site inspections before, during extended storm events, and after each storm event to identify areas that may contribute to erosion and sediment problems or any other pollutant discharges. Determine during each inspection if additional control practices are needed and implement those practices as soon as possible. Document all inspection findings and actions taken in detailed, site-specific inspection reports. These reports must be maintained on-site for review.
- Maintain and repair all erosion prevention and sediment control measures throughout the season. Keep replacement supplies on hand and/or on site.
- Cover all dumpsters prior to rain events to eliminate any non-storm water discharges.
- Implement a Sampling and Analysis program for non-visible storm water pollutants. Sampling and Analysis guidance can be found at www.waterboards.ca.gov/stormwtr/ under Modifications to the Fact Sheet of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System General Permit for Discharges of Storm Water Associated with Construction Activities Order No. 99-08-DWQ. The recent modifications to the fact sheet have clarified the way the Sampling and Analysis requirements shall be implemented.

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Note: if you are using soil amendments (such as lime, fly ash etc.) and they will be exposed to storm water you must implement a Sampling and Analysis program.

- If you are utilizing chemical systems or devices on your construction site to enhance sedimentation, visit our website at <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/> to see our monitoring requirements.
- Ensure all site personnel are trained in erosion prevention/ sediment control techniques, non-storm water management control and know their responsibilities under the General Construction Storm Water Permit.
- Immediately report to the Regional Board office any instances of sediment or other pollutant discharges from your construction site.

Failure to comply with the terms of the General Construction Storm Water Permit may result in enforcement action, including assessment of administrative civil liabilities of up to \$10,000 per day for violations of the terms and conditions of the Permit. Additional liability of up to \$10 per gallon of waste discharged, in excess of 1,000 gallons, may be assessed.

Be sure you are up-to-date regarding your responsibilities as a permittee under the General Construction Storm Water Permit. The General Construction Storm Water Permit was modified by the State Water Resources Control Board to include requirements for sampling and analysis. Copies of the permit are currently available on our statewide web site at <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/stormwtr/construction.htm>.

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